

TWO ALLENS DIE; SHOW NO FEAR

Go to Electric Chair Protesting Innocence of Willful Murder.

BOTH LEAVE LETTERS

Governor Hurries to Richmond, Preventing Plan to Stop Executions.

HEAVY GUARD AROUND HIM

Issues Statement Saying He Had No Doubt of Guilt of Accused.

RICHMOND, Va., March 28.—Half whispering, "I am ready to go," Floyd Allen stepped into the electric chair at 1:20 o'clock this afternoon and was dead in six minutes. Nine minutes later his youngest son, Claude Swanson Allen, was pronounced dead from the electric current.

Both men gave their lives to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the part they took in the Hillsville court house tragedy of March 14, last year, when the Judge, the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Sheriff and a juror were killed in the court room, and a spectator died a few days later from a bullet received during the fusillade between the Allen outlaws and the court officials.

The executions followed a morning of many developments after a night spent by the sympathizers of the doomed men in pleading with Lieut.-Gov. J. Taylor Ellison to commute the sentences on the ground that Gov. Mann was out of the State and that he had the authority to do so. If he believed the men not amenable to the death penalty.

The conference resulted in an order going to Supt. Wood of the State prison to hold the executions scheduled for 7 o'clock until noon in order to give Attorney-General Samuel F. Williams an opportunity to put in writing his opinion relative to the Lieutenant-Governor's rights in the premises.

Gov. Mann, in Philadelphia en route to Trenton, N. J., at 2:55 o'clock this morning heard of the plans and he cancelled his Trenton engagement and hastily returned to the city.

He wired from Washington that he would not go to Virginia and at 8 o'clock, thus terminating any authority that the Lieutenant-Governor could assume.

Officials of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway saw that there was a heavy guard of private detectives thrown around the Chief Executive, so that no harm could come to him, as feared by his young son and relatives. The guard was augmented upon the arrival of the train at Hillsville station at 11:25 o'clock, from where the Governor, his son, Hodges, and private secretary, Ben P. Owen, were hurried in an automobile to the Executive offices in the State Capitol.

A few minutes after arriving at his office Gov. Mann issued this statement: "Hearing at five minutes to 3 o'clock this morning of the action taken in the Allen cases after I left the city I considered it my duty to hurry back. I am desirous to report that after the most careful consideration of the evidence in these cases I have not the slightest doubt of the guilt of Floyd and Claude Allen, and I will not interfere. The law must take its course."

Thereupon the prison authorities were notified of the Governor's decision, and the prisoners, who were summoned for breakfast and excused, were again released, and at 1:20 o'clock Floyd Allen, the aged mountaineer, walked to the death chair and took his seat.

The death current was turned on at 1:22 o'clock and at 1:25 Floyd was pronounced dead. Claude followed his father to the chair, entering at 1:30. The current was applied at 1:31 and he was pronounced dead at 1:36.

The father and son did not break down although the elder man was the more nervous of the two.

The bodies were taken in charge by Undertaker Riley and prepared for shipment to Carroll county. They will arrive at the Allen home in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Carroll county some time Saturday afternoon. The funeral exercises will be held Sunday afternoon.

Both Claude and Floyd Allen left behind letters declaring their innocence of murdering the juror, and of conspiring to wipe out the court of justice, reiterating that they acted in self-defense and that they were brought to their doom through the evidence of their political enemies and perjured testimony, while testimony favorable to them was not considered by the authorities in its true light.

Reviewing his history from the date he was born, June 11, 1889, Claude Allen wrote:

"From my earliest recollections I was taught to speak the truth in every thing and deal honestly with my fellow man. When I have tried to do, my parents have tried to raise me to feel that we must be honorable and under no condition speak falsehoods."

"I went to Hillsville during my father's trial and heard some of the evidence. I never thought for one moment of trouble. The first I knew of it was when it began, and what I did was without any premeditation whatever. There was no plot beforehand or any conspiracy, as far as I know, and I do not believe there was any with any one else."

HELLO GIRLS MAY STRIKE.

Talk of a Midnight Walkout of 2,200 in Boston.

BOSTON, March 28.—Members of the Boston telephone operators' union, numbering about 2,200 in the metropolitan district and most of them girls, are threatening to walk out. There is talk of a strike being declared shortly after midnight.

Meetings were held to-day and to-night to consider further the demands which they have made upon the New England Telephone Company relative to wages and working rules.

About a year ago the company increased wages, readjusted their working hours and their relief periods, and last January it instituted an insurance benefit plan for the employees.

BATTLE FOR U. S. ATTORNEY.

Senator O'Gorman's Partner May Succeed Wise.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—George Gordon Battle stands first on President Wilson's list now for United States District Attorney at New York to succeed Henry A. Wise. It was learned to-day that the President's list for this important post has narrowed down to Mr. Battle, Louis Marshall and John Purroy Mitchell.

The belief here, however, is that Mr. Battle has been selected.

George Gordon Battle was born in North Carolina in 1868. He came here in 1890 and entered the Columbia University law school, from which he was graduated the following year. The faculty recommended him to be Assistant District Attorney under De Laney Nicol. He continued in office through Mr. Nicol's administration and served again under the late Col. John R. Fellows.

He resigned in 1897 to enter private practice with Bartow S. Weeks at 109 Broadway, with the firm name of Weeks & Battle. Soon after, H. Snowden Marshall joined the firm, which became known as Weeks, Battle & Marshall.

In May, 1911, Judge James A. O'Gorman on his resignation from the Supreme Court bench, joined the firm and it became O'Gorman, Battle & Marshall.

Mr. Battle was a candidate for District Attorney at the last election and received a heavy vote.

BOLDER GOWNS, SAYS WORTH.

Parisian Designer Here to Get After Dress Makers.

WORTH of Paris, who arrived yesterday by the Cunard Mauretania, says gowns for the summer and fall are going to be more daring than ever. He is here to get after dress makers and dressmakers who obtain models from Paris, create cheap imitations of the real Parisian gowns and then audaciously put the names of the Parisian makers on them.

15,000 VIEW THE DEAD ALLENS.

Crowds Pass Through Morgue at Rate of 80 a Minute.

RICHMOND, Va., March 28.—Between 4 and 10 o'clock to-night fully 15,000 people viewed the bodies of Floyd and Claude Allen as they lay on slabs in the morgue at Riley's undertaking establishment. As soon as the bodies arrived a good sized crowd gathered, which grew so rapidly that police were sent to preserve order.

Yielding to the request of the multitude the doors were thrown open and an average of 400 persons viewed the bodies every five minutes. At the railroad station, where the bodies were taken for shipment at 10:30 o'clock, several hundred people were assembled.

HOMICIDE CALENDAR CLEAR.

Whitman for Second Time in His Term Announces a Clean Slate.

District Attorney Whitman yesterday went to Part V. of the General Sessions Court, the room set apart for homicide trials, and announced that there are no homicide cases now triable in the county of New York. This is the second time during Mr. Whitman's administration of the District Attorney's office that the homicide calendar has been cleared.

Assistant District Attorneys Wasservogel and Brothers are in charge of Part V. in General Sessions Court.

MRS. WOODROW WILSON HERE.

Comes to See Morgan Collection in the Museum of Art.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson came to New York alone yesterday morning to see the Morgan collection in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She is staying at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Last night Mr. Wilson entertained at dinner Mr. Wilson's niece, Mrs. George Howe, who is living here at 20 Gramercy Park, and Mr. Wilson's cousin, Alfred Wilson of Portland, Ore. Later the three occupied orchestra seats at a West Forty-eighth street theatre.

Mrs. Wilson will return to Washington this morning.

CHINESE PHI BETA KAPPA.

Twelve of 21 Elected to Cornell Chapter Are Women.

WATERS FALL, LEAVING STARVING HORDES IN OHIO; 200 DEAD IN DAYTON, 500 IN MUSKINGUM VALLEY; BIG RISE IN THE OHIO; ROCHESTER BADLY FLOODED

HALF ROCHESTER IS UNDER WATER

Banks and Hotels in Business Section are Flooded.

BIG PROPERTY LOSS

Merchants Work All Night to Save Goods From Destruction.

TORRENT IS 5 FEET DEEP

Villages in Erie and Lehigh Valley Threatened by Rising River.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 28.—Not since 1865, when Rochester, then a city of 50,000, suffered immense damage by floods, has the city faced such a serious situation as to-night. Half the business section is under water, which in some sections is five feet deep.

Merchants in Main, Front, State, Mill and Andrews streets have suspended business, most of these thoroughfares being rivers of rushing waters.

At 8 o'clock this evening the water began to rush across Main street and the police have strung ropes and are guarding the street. The damage to property will be in the hundreds of thousands.

All day long fire engines have been at work pumping the water from the cellars of banks, hotels and business houses at the Four Corners, but with little effect. The Hotel Rochester and Powers Hotel basement kitchens are flooded.

The first floor of the Postal Telegraph Company in Main street, East, on the edge of the bridge, was flooded this evening, and the clerks have had to take to the second floor. So far fairly good communication is being maintained. The offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Reynolds Arcade will soon be flooded if the river continues to rise.

Reports from Avon, Genesee, Mount Morris and Dansville early this evening indicate that the water at these points south of Rochester has fallen several feet and it is hoped that the flood will soon begin to recede in Rochester.

Water commenced to pour into Front, Mill and Andrews streets early last night, and all through the night merchants worked to get their goods to higher ground. The big warehouse of the Graves Furniture Company in Mill street was flooded so quickly that thousands of dollars' damage was done to the goods. This morning it was impossible to get through these streets except in boats and rafts, and the work of salvage was continued in this way.

The newspaper offices of the *Post Express* and *Democrat* and the *Chronicle* have their basements flooded and the presses put out of commission. The Pennsylvania line into Rochester, which uses the bed of the old Genesee Canal, has been put out of commission. The Erie and Lehigh Valley lines to villages to the south are blocked by the floods and have been for several days.

Mount Morris reported this evening that the water had fallen three feet during the day, but that its principal factories and power plants were still out of commission.

Genesee reported a fall in the water of two feet, about the same conditions prevailing as at Mount Morris. Many farmers on the flats near these two villages have left their homes, while some who were too late have been marooned for several days. Many bridges in these sections are down and telephone communication is crippled everywhere.

At Dansville the conditions are still bad, although the water is lower there to-night.

The cold spell of last night and to-day checked the rise of Canandaigua Lake and conditions in the town of Canandaigua were much improved this evening. At Lyons the water is higher than it has ever been and a majority of the villagers have been forced to remove to the second stories of their houses.

Fortunately there has so far not been a human life lost in any of the flooded districts, although the damage to property will be enormous.

WATERGOWN, N. Y., March 28.—The Black River is rising and property along the river is in great danger.

The Pearl street bridge in this city over which the street cars pass, is in danger of being swept away at any moment. Several families in that locality have been forced to vacate their houses.

Bishop Greer Frames Prayer for Sufferers.

Bishop David H. Greer has authorized the reading of the following prayer to-morrow in the Protestant Episcopal churches of the diocese of New York:

"O Merciful God and Heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, give ear to the prayers which we humbly offer to Thee in behalf of our brethren who are suffering from the great water floods. Cause them in their sorrow to experience the comfort of Thy Presence, and in their bewilderment the guidance of Thy Wisdom.

"Stir up, we beseech Thee, the wills of Thy people to minister with generous aid to their present needs, and so overrule in Thy Providence this great and sore calamity that we may be brought nearer to Thee and be knit more closely one to another in sympathy and love. All which we humbly ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

ENTIRE POLICE FORCE MISSING.

Dayton Chief Without News From His 102 Men.

DAYTON, March 28.—When the State troops came into Dayton on Thursday night they found that the entire policing system of the city consisted of Major Huber, Third Regiment, Ohio National Guard, chief of the Governor's staff, and nineteen members of the State militia here.

Of the city's police officers nothing was known. Meagre reports filtering in from the inundated districts indicated that here and there some officer was working on his own initiative and struggling to save lives and preserve order.

"I had 102 men and I suppose most of them are somewhere," said Chief J. N. Alaback.

"I fear, however, that a number of them have been drowned while endeavoring to save others."

The chief has not slept since the water first came and is near a physical breakdown.

EMERGENCY BILL FOR REPAIRS.

Introduced in Ohio Legislature to Get Money.

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—Representative William of Tournaine county today introduced a bill in the General Assembly so that counties may get funds for repairing public works.

Under the bill bonds may be issued by county commissioners without a vote of the people for replacing bridges destroyed by casualty and, if necessary, the limits of the 1 per cent. tax law may be exceeded in making a levy for the payment of debts so incurred.

LOCAL RELIEF TRAIN IN PERIL.

Broken Axle Nearly Sends Cars Into River From Bridge.

COATESVILLE, Pa., March 28.—A special train of seven cars from New York going to the relief of flood victims of Dayton came near toppling into the Brandywine from the high bridge just west of Coatesville shortly before 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The cause was the breaking of an axle on a pile digger which was coupled next to the locomotive. Behind the pile digger were seven passenger coaches containing cots, provisions, equipment and a force of about 150 men to aid in flood relief work.

The axle broke fully a mile east of the bridge and at this point sagged down sufficiently to rip the track and cause the pile digger and two coaches next to it to leave the rails. The train was running about forty miles an hour at the time. The bridge at this point is about 150 feet high.

As the engineer felt the train behind him leave the rails he put on emergency brakes and prevented the coaches from tumbling into the Brandywine. Trains were quickly flagged east and west. The pile digger was cut out and the train left for Dayton after about two hours delay.

HAMILTON'S DEAD NOW 82.

List Being Added To Hourly—50 Missing in Middletown.

HAMILTON, Ohio, March 28.—There are now eighty-two names in the list of identified dead at Hamilton and this is being added to hourly.

The citizens committee has issued an order that all able bodied men who refuse to work in rescue or repair crews shall not be fed. Visitors from out of the city are barred unless they can prove they have business or relatives about whom they are worried or who need their help.

CINCINNATI IN GRIP OF FLOOD

Indications Are That River's Rise Will Equal 1884 Record.

A 65 FOOT STAGE NOW

Hundreds of Families Forced to Flee From Water Front.

TWO INCH RISE AN HOUR

Police Give Aid in Rowboats—Covington, Ky., Partly Submerged.

CINCINNATI, March 28.—Cincinnati is in the grip of what probably may be the worst flood in its history.

Although the stage of the Ohio River has not as yet equalled that attained in 1884, the record flood year, there seems to be every indication at this time that the old mark will be reached before the crest of the present high water has passed down the valley.

The high water mark recorded in 1884 was 71 feet 9 inches, and this evening a stage of 65 feet was reached, the rise being two inches an hour.

Hundreds of families along the river front in Cincinnati have been forced to move by the encroaching river and many merchants have removed their goods from cellars and basements to higher ground.

Chief of Police Copeland has the flood work well in hand. The police have been put on twelve hours' duty and are working in the flooded territory in rowboats.

Across the Ohio at Newport, Covington and Ludlow, Ky., the authorities today were warning the inhabitants of the lower ground to move out.

In Covington it was likely that the gas and electric light plant would have to be shut down and residents were warned to lay in supplies of coal and food.

Street car service in Newport, Covington and Cincinnati, already affected by the water, was in some cases cut off completely to-day. About thirty-five blocks are under water in Newport, flooding 1,500 houses and affecting 5,000 people. The valuation of property in the flooded district is \$2,000,000.

The city armory sheltered many persons to-night and preparations were made to distribute food at the city jail. Nearly every landing place along the river front is piled high with furniture, bedding and other household effects hauled there during the day.

OHIO HALTS RELIEF SPECIAL.

Secretary Garrison Will Push On Down South Shore.

KENOA, W. Va., March 28.—Secretary Garrison's special relief train arrived here at 5 o'clock this afternoon after twenty-six hours of tortuous journeying from Washington in the face of many obstacles and delays.

The Ohio River is impassable at this point and the plan now is to route the Secretary's special over the tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio to Winchester, Ky., and thence over the Louisville and Nashville to Covington. It is hoped to push the train across the Ohio River from that point into Cincinnati.

Railroad officials do not promise anything, but the Secretary hopes to be in Cincinnati before daylight Saturday morning. Secretary Garrison is determined to push on just as long as there are rails open to carry his train. There will be no stopping or turning back until every resource of the railroads and the Government is exhausted.

"This expedition is one of grave emergency," said Secretary Garrison this afternoon. "We must push on and keep pushing on until we reach the flood district. I understand the waters at Dayton are subsiding and that we shall be able to reach there."

"With the subsidence of the waters of the flood will come the most important task of the army relief work. There will be need of all the relief we can bring to the thousands of distressed people who are now homeless and destitute."

Capt. Gault of the cavalry joined the Secretary's party at Williamson, W. Va., this afternoon. Major Gen. Wood is preparing orders ready for issuance as soon as he gets on the scene. Gen. Wood and the Secretary are keeping in close touch with Washington, but there is no intention at present of advising the President to try and make the trip. Railroad officials have all day attempted to dissuade Secretary Garrison from trying to go further with his special.

MARSHALL STARTS FOR DAYTON.

Vice-President Is Accompanied by Miss Boardman.

Southern Railway representatives in this city got word last night that a relief train bound for Dayton with Vice-President Marshall and Miss Mabel Boardman, chairman of the Red Cross executive committee, was leaving Washington at 11:30 P. M.

The train is under the direction of the Washington Post. It was to have gone over the Chesapeake and Ohio, but that railroad has washouts. To get to Cincinnati by the Southern Railway the train will detour through Lynchburg, Va., Bristol, Tenn., and Harrison Junction, Tenn.

President W. W. Finley of the Southern Railway, Vice-President J. M. Culp and physicians and nurses are also on the train. There are several baggage cars filled with medical supplies, food and clothing. The railroad is charging nothing.

FLOOD TROOPER KILLS ANOTHER.

Fatal Affair at Sharon, Pa., Said to Be Accidental.

SHARON, Pa., March 28.—In a fight between State soldiers, who are doing guard duty here where the loss of life and property has been heavy, Robert Myers, a member of D troop, was shot and killed to-night by Frank White of the same troop. It is asserted by White that the shooting was accidental.

The body of Mrs. George Wilding, who was drowned in the flood Wednesday, was found to-day among debris. The bodies of two unidentified men were also recovered at Wheatland. A report to-night says that John Boboski, his wife and three children, who resided along the Shenango River south of here, were drowned.

The damage here has been fixed at \$250,000, exclusive of the heavy loss sustained by the United States Steel Corporation.

HUDSON PIERS SUBMERGED.

Update Flood Worst on Record, Says Navigation Manager.

N. H. Campbell, general manager of the Hudson Navigation Company, who went to Albany by the steamer Adirondack to look into the conditions along the Hudson, returned yesterday.

Mr. Campbell said the Adirondack was forced to cut her mooring lines on Thursday night in a strong gale. The river was out of its banks and all the piers were flooded. Mr. Campbell was the only passenger aboard the Adirondack on her trip thither.

He noted that all the piers along the river from Albany to a place south of Kingston Point were submerged and many people had left their homes on the river front and had gone to higher ground for refuge. The flood, Mr. Campbell said, was the worst he had ever seen in the Hudson and, according to flood statisticians, was four inches higher than 1857.

SAW PEOPLE GO CRAZY.

Returning New Yorker Tells of Scenes in Flood Zone.

Andrew C. Summers, salesman for E. W. Hunt & Co. of 45 Broadway, Manhattan, returned to his home at 29 Third street, Weehawken, yesterday after spending three days in the flood district dodging from one city to another to escape. He left before the floods reached their height, but declares that the papers have only begun to describe the terrible scenes which took place.

When the flood broke in Dayton, Summers, with six miles away, fled hasted with others to Troy, found the city cut off and then went to Lima, where he remained only a few hours before going to Toledo. There he took the first train he could catch for home.

"I saw scores of people who had become demented from the strain caused by the loss of members of their families as well as by hunger and exposure. They had had nothing to eat for several days and slept in the open without enough clothing to keep them warm. What they did have on was soaked. Money was of no use because you could buy nothing."

CANADA HIT BY THE FLOODS TOO.

Telegraph Service Throughout Dominion Paralyzed by Storms.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 28.—Canada is practically shut off from communication with the outside world by storms that have paralyzed the entire telegraph service of the Dominion.

The telegraph companies have refused to file important messages from Parliament on international subjects and press matter for cables unless it is understood that they are subject to a day's delay.

Montreal messages to New York are being forwarded to Ottawa and thence to Quebec, St. John, N. B., and Portland and Boston. Press despatches are accepted only in the briefest possible form.

The Canadian Parliament to-day passed a resolution of sympathy for the American flood sufferers. The Premier and the leading members of the Opposition, including Laurier, spoke eloquently on the subject.

Fire Is Out at Zanesville, Which Faces Loss of \$10,000,000.

GREAT CRY FOR FOOD

Columbus Gradually Restoring Order, but Victims Are Hungry.

RAILROADS GETTING IN

Track Gangs Doing Fast Work—Entrance to Dayton Effected.

UPSTATE IS RELIEVED

Hudson Is Going Down—Business Section of Rochester Under Five Feet.

The floods are receding in Ohio, leaving a much smaller loss of life than was at first estimated; the loss in property will exceed all estimates made so far.

A new danger of fast growing proportions threatens on the south, where the Ohio River is menacing scores of towns and cities. The big stream seems likely to rise higher than ever before.

Dayton is getting some relief and the people are escaping from flood bound places. The dead there may not number more than 200, it is thought.

Columbus is emerging from the falling floods with hundreds dead and hordes of starving persons who must be fed. The property loss there has not been fully realized as yet.

The fire at Zanesville has been put out and some relief has reached that city. The river has fallen there. The flood and fire losses will reach \$10,000,000.

The floods in the Muskingum Valley are now thought to have drowned 500 persons, 150 of them residents of Zanesville.

Cincinnati is facing the worst flood in its history. A stage of 65 feet has been reached by the Ohio; the record is 71 feet 9 inches.

Railroads have pushed the repair work so far that a train was expected to get into Dayton last night.

The situation up State has been relieved somewhat by the falling of the Hudson. Half of Rochester is under water, that city suffering more than any other in this State.

Relief funds have reached big proportions throughout the country. Two hundred thousand dollars was raised in New York yesterday, making \$300,000 in all.

ONLY 200 DEAD IN DAYTON.